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1. Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum from Source [] regarding the KOPJAS organization, as well as a copy of MAVA-757, which was not originally distributed to you.

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SUBJECT Leading Personalities in the KOPJAS
("Arrow-Cross" Organization)

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Andras Borsanyi ZAKO []

Born 23 March 1898 in Brassó, Transylvania.

Up to 1928, career officer assigned to duty with the Ministry of War,
VWP-2 Section.

In 1938, promoted to major and assigned as chief of staff of 3rd Inf.
Division.

In 1940, promoted to lieutenant colonel and assigned to special department
in Ministry of War.

In 1942-44, chief of staff of 6th Division, and promoted to colonel.

On 15 October 1944, appointed by SZALASI as chief of VWP-3 and promoted
to Vezérornagy (brigadier general). Shortly thereafter Károly HEY (Col.)
(with the Hungarian SS) approached Szalasi with the idea of forming a partisan
unit along the Russian and American pattern to fight behind the lines.

Hey appropriated this idea and with the backing of Szalasi formed the
KOPJAS organization with the assistance of Captain KORPOMAI. (Field comment:
Please note that the organization was formed by adherents of Szalasi and
thus it could hardly qualify as an Anglophile Hungarian democratic youth
organization as stated in I-4593, dtd. 14 May 46.)

In 1945, Zako was captured by American forces and lived in Germany as

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a DP. During the summer of 1946, he allegedly returned to Hungary for a brief visit under the disguise of a Protestant minister. In 1947 he became active in the reorganization of the KOPJAS resistance group in Austria and Germany. His headquarters are at Igls, Austria. He leads a rather restricted life. Maintains close contacts with French authorities. Claims to have 40,000 men in his organization but his links with the homeland are weak.

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Capt. Miklos KERPENAI ☒

Right hand man of Zako.

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Attila KOVACS

DEB? Main associate of Kerpentai. He has excellent contacts with the French
CET? Securité. MIKLOS KERPENAI See also 200-5-12 on MTHBK regarding his
OCC/major murder by RIA agent
A. Lashin.

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Károly Kishorváthy FARKAS ☒

Member of the Magyar Kereszteseg. Former commander of Hungarian Boy-Secute.
General officer in the Hungarian Army under Horthy. Joined Szalasi and was
chief of the "Szamenkorőszak" or Arrow-Cross People's Court. On 20 August
1947 appointed himself to Honnászvezető (Führer) and formed a Hungarian
cabinet in exile in Landshut, Germany. Panatically ambitious, very capable
organizer, has good contact with the Vatican and the French intelligence
officers in Austria. He is also in contact with Zako who recognizes Farkas
as his senior officer and therefore reports to him on developments within
the KOPJAS. Nevertheless, Zako does not approve of the politics of Farkas
and especially of the formation of a Hungarian emigre government at Landshut
Germany. Zako wishes to rally the Hungarian emigres around the core of

the emigre group of 1947. Parkas, according to subsource, intends to use Zako as his front man because Parkas knows that his own role during the Szalasi regime is better known than that of Zako's. 3. / no 201

Other associates of Parkas are: MISTETI (fmu) and SZEMER (fmu).

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KALMAN BALATA []

Is a representative of the Smallholders Party and a member of the Magyar Közösség (Hungarian Community). He maintains contact with Zako through Korponai. >

Misc.

As already mentioned, the KOPJAS movement consists of an emigre group with very little contact inside Hungary, and no contacts whatsoever among well-placed Hungarian government officials. For quite some time Korponai and Zako have been looking for sponsors to finance their movement principally because they are eager, in the event of a change in the regime, to be among those in the first echelon to get back into Hungary and thus realize their own political aims. Zako enjoys a fairly good reputation as a realistic man among Hungarian emigres, and this reputation is now being exploited by Parkas and Korponai.